

PRACTICAL TECHNIQUES FOR DAIRY FARMERS

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PREFACE

In this book are outlined basic procedures that are often required of a dairy farmer. Included are common sense, practical procedures learned from working with dairy animals, observing good “cowmen” and industry persons, and performing and teaching these techniques to students. Hopefully, the written text and many illustrations will provide many useful hints and technical information to dairy personnel as day-to-day tasks are performed.

Readers are cautioned not to perform any techniques that might cause injury to the animals or themselves unless they are sure of the procedure. Consult with a veterinarian or other expert if in doubt. Mention of products in this book is not meant as endorsement to the exclusion of other similar products that the author may or may not have been familiar with. Always follow manufacturers label directions when using any product. An extra label use of any drug should be done under a veterinarian’s supervision.

While many procedures are timeless, practices and recommendations change with new technologies. Always consult with your veterinarian or industry consultant for the latest information. Updates on procedures will be posted at the following website: <http://www.ansci.umn.edu/faculty/Seykora.htm>. Readers are encouraged to contact me if they have useful information that they feel should be shared with others.



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